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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB732 by Williams (Relating to the administration of polygraph examinations to certain applicants for positions in the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to the administration of polygraph examinations to certain applicants for positions in the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The bill would require DPS to administer a polygraph examination to individuals applying for a peace officer or a police communications operator position prior to employment. DPS would be required to use an applicant's polygraph examination results as a factor in determining employment. DPS would be allowed to determine the point in the hiring process to administer the polygraph examination. The bill would not apply to an applicant who submits an application before the effective date of the bill, is currently a peace officer commissioned by DPS, or a police communications operator currently employed by DPS in another police communications operator position.

The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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